## Requesting Office:

**Event / Meeting:** Bristol Bay United - Sportsmen, Commercial Fishermen, Alaskan Native Leaders with the Bristol Bay Native Corporation, and Conservationists.

**Purpose:** Follow-up on meetings in Dillingham and Iliamna, AK. This group did not have the opportunity to meet separately with the Administrator on her recent AK trip. The group desires to introduce Bristol Bay United, a broad-based coalition whose steering committee consists of senior executives from Bristol Bay Native Corporation, Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay, Trout Unlimited, focused on Protecting Bristol Bay. BBU hopes to discuss Finalization of the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment and Importance of timely 404(c) Action.

**Background:** In 2010, Alaskan leaders requested EPA undertake a proactive CWA 404c action to protect Bristol Bay and stop development of potentially the largest open pit mine in North America that would be located in the last and greatest sockeye salmon fishery in the world - the headwaters of the Bristol Bay. EPA. Members of this group have successfully engaged with EPA and the public to describe the economic impacts (\$1.5B contribution to the economy, 14,000 jobs) of the fishery as well as the social and cultural impacts. EPA initiated the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment in early 2011. Representatives of these groups have been involved during this time, meeting with Congressional members and testifying before Congress in support of EPA, meeting with White House staff and others in efforts to provide technical and other types of support for EPA to complete the Watershed Assessment and initiate CWA 404c action. This group advocates the use of restrictions (no filling of anadromous streams, no exceedance of state water quality standards, and no treatment in perpetuity) as opposed to a veto.

Date: October 9-10, 2013

Time/Length: 45-50 minutes

Location: EPA HQ

## Participants:

- Shoren Brown, President and CEO, Bristol Bay United.
- Jason Metrokin, CEO, Bristol Bay Native Corporation
- Bob Waldrop, Executive Director, Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association
- Tim Bristol, Director of Alaska Programs, Trout Unlimited
- Peter Van Tuyn, Outside Counsel to Bristol Bay Native Corporation
- Juan Hinojosa, Director of Federal Relations, Strategies 360
- Wayne Nastri, Co-President, E4 Strategic Solutions, Inc.

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